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## **Auction 93 Freeze Announced for Certain FM Applications and Rulemaking Filings**

The Media Bureau announces a freeze, effective immediately, on the following filings (collectively, "Filings"):

- Applications proposing to modify any of the vacant non-reserved band FM allotments scheduled for Auction 93 ("Auction 93 Allotments");
- Petitions and counterproposals that propose a change in channel, class, community, or reference coordinates for any of the Auction 93 Allotments; and
- Applications, petitions and counterproposals that fail to fully protect any of the Auction 93 Allotments.

Auction 93 Allotments are listed in Attachment A of the *Auction 93 Comment Public Notice*. <sup>1</sup> All Filings filed after the release of this Public Notice will be dismissed. <sup>2</sup> This freeze will automatically terminate the day after the filing deadline for post-Auction 93 long form applications. This temporary freeze is designed to promote a more certain and speedy auction process.

In Auction 93, the Media and Wireless Telecommunications Bureaus will make available through competitive bidding procedures 123 vacant non-reserved band allotments in the FM broadcast service. FM minor change applications, which can now be filed on a first-come first-served basis, must protect the reference coordinates of each of these allotments.

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By: Chief, Media Bureau

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Auction of FM Broadcast Construction Permits Scheduled for March 27, 2012; Comment Sought on Competitive Bidding Procedures for Auction 93, Public Notice, DA 11-1513 (WTB/MB rel. Sept. 12, 2011) ("Auction 93 Comment Public Notice"). Bidders are also cautioned that currently pending petitions for rulemaking and open rulemaking proceedings may affect the 123 FM allotments scheduled for Auction 93.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.401(e).